



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOM/FOA/DRU

FROM: HQ USAF/HC
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SUBJECT: Utilization of Air Force Auxiliary Chaplains (POLICY)

The mission of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Chaplain Service program is to provide qualified chaplains who assist commanders in the moral, religious, and spiritual growth of the CAP membership at large. In addition, CAP chaplains support U.S. Air Force active-duty and reserve chaplains, particularly during times of war when military personnel are deployed. CAP chaplains also assist other national relief organizations in times of disaster and minister to victims and emergency workers. The Air Force refers to CAP as the "Air Force Auxiliary" to recognize its status with the Air Force. We refer to CAP as the Civil Air Patrol.

As the United States continues its Global War on Terrorism, our Active Duty chaplain resources continue to stretch thin as we provide worldwide chaplain support. We must continue to use every asset available to provide our people world-class ministry. Air Force Auxiliary Chaplains benefit our nation and our members. Conducting ministry together, our chaplains learn more about how God is working in their own lives and the lives of others.

The policy of the United States Air Force Chaplain Service permits Wing Chaplains to use the services of Air Force Auxiliary chaplains when they meet auxiliary chaplain qualifications as established in AFI 52-101 (dtd 16 Apr 04), § 2.3.1. They must meet all ecclesiastical, educational and professional standards for AF Chaplains while serving as an AF auxiliary chaplain as set forth in AFI 52-102 (dtd 7 Jan 04). Wing chaplains ensure this standard of excellence is reflected in those who serve in the Air Force Auxiliary.

This policy memo is in effect until superseded or no longer needed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charles C. Baldwin".

CHARLES C. BALDWIN
Chaplain, Major General, USAF
Chief of Chaplains